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May 29, 2002

Michael Stifler, District Supervisor Surface Water Quality Division Cadillac District Office, DEQ

Philip Roycraft, District Supervisor Waste Management Division Cadillac District Office, DEQ

Steve Spencer, District Supervisor Land and Water Management Division Cadillac District Office, DEQ

Re: Williamsburg Receiving and Storage

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. M10044741

State Groundwater Discharge Permit No. M 00836

DEQ Complaint No. 00-28-0003-V

## Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to a copy of a May 6, 2002 letter received by Whitewater Township that was written to Chris Hubbell of Williamsburg Receiving and Storage from Mr. Stifler and Mr. Roycraft regarding a proposed Consent Order (Proposed Order).

Whitewater Township is in the process of acquiring adjacent land (Petobego Natural Area) to the west of Williamsburg Receiving and Storage, which contains wetland areas. Because of this and the township's commitment to preserve wetlands, the township is concerned with the continuing violations of the NPDES Permit by Williamsburg Receiving and Storage.

Of equal concern are the violations of the Groundwater Discharge Permit, which will have a negative impact on the land and environment.

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It also appears, as evidenced from a May 14, 2002 letter to Chris Hubbell from Maureen Templeton, Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner, that Williamsburg Receiving and Storage is still in violation of their county soil erosion permit. As you are aware, this permit was issued as a result of the placement of fill materials within state-regulated wetlands.

The township requests the enforcement of the various permit violations. Some violations are almost two years old.

The township would further encourage Mr. Hubbell to address these many violations and comply with the permits issued to him.

Sincerely,

Sondra Beckwich
Sandra Beckwith

Whitewater Township Supervisor

cc: Chris Hubbell, Williamsburg Receiving and Storage

Maureen Templeton, Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner

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